

Harare (Meat) By-laws, 2017

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It is hereby notified that the Minister of Local Government, Public Works and National Housing has, in terms of section 229 of the Urban Councils Act [*Chapter 29:15*], approved the following by laws made by Harare City Council:—

*Title*

1. These by-laws may be cited as the Harare (Meat) By-laws, 2017.

*Application*

2. These by-laws shall apply to the municipal area under the jurisdiction of the City Council of Harare.

*Interpretation*

3. In these by-laws—
  - “abattoir” means a slaughter-house approved by the council;
  - “authorised person” means the medical officer of health or any health inspector employed by the council;

- “butcher” means any person who sells, handles, exposes, transmits or supplies butcher’s meat for human consumption from a butcher’s shop;
- “butcher’s meat” means the flesh or offal of any domestic bovine, ovine, caprine, porcine or equine animal and includes all products manufactured from, or containing such flesh or offal;
- “butcher’s shop, means any premises used for carrying on the business of a butcher;
- “council” means Harare City Council;
- “equipment” includes apparatus, furnishing, utensils, and vehicles;
- “food premises” means any premises in which meat is handled or sold, and includes a hotel, boarding house or hostel, restaurant, take away food shop, tea room or club, but does not include a private dwelling;
- “game meat” means the flesh (including the offal and fat) of a game animal or bird that is intended for human consumption;
- “graded and marked” means graded and marked by a State grader appointed under the Agricultural Products Marketing (Livestock) (Carcass Classification and Grading) Regulations, 2000;
- “livestock” means any domestic bovine, ovine, caprine, porcine or equine animal;
- “meat inspector” means a environmental health officer, or veterinary surgeon, or a veterinary public health officer, or a person registered as a meat inspector by the Health Professions Council;
- “medical officer of health” means any registered medical officer appointed by city council or a registered Government medical officer of the district;
- “vehicle” means a vehicle used for the transportation of meat in connection with the business carried on in a butcher’s shop or food-premises.

*Possession of butcher's meat*

4. (1) No person shall, in a butcher's shop, food premises or vehicle within the council's area—

- (a) keep or supply any butcher's meat unless such meat or the carcass from which such meat was obtained has been—
  - (i) inspected by a State grader, and passed as being sound, free from disease and fit for human consumption; and
  - (ii) graded and marked;or
- (b) keep, sell or supply any fresh butcher's meat unless the livestock from which such meat was obtained has been slaughtered at an abattoir.

(2) If any butcher's meat which has not been graded and marked is found in a butcher's shop, food premises or vehicle, an authorised person may—

- (a) seize and detain such meat by affixing thereto a label or labels bearing the words "SEIZED" and "DETAINED"; and
- (b) remove such meat from the butcher's shop or food premises or vehicle; and
- (c) arrange for the destruction of such meat or for its disposal in such manner as to prevent it from being used for human consumption; and
- (d) impose the prescribed penalty on the person found in contravention of section 4(1) of these by-laws.

(3) Where any meat has been seized and detained in accordance with the provisions of section 4(2), no person other than the authorised person shall interfere with the meat in any manner, either by removing a label affixed by an authorised person or by removing the meat from the butcher's shop or food premises.

(4) No person shall keep, handle, sell or expose for sale butcher's meat from any other premises other than a butcher's shop or food premises.

*Slaughter of livestock*

5. No person shall slaughter any livestock in the council area, other than at an abattoir.

*Registration of sellers of game meat*

6. (1) No game meat shall be sold in the council area unless it has been supplied by a person registered with the council.

(2) No person shall be registered with the council unless the facilities and the premises which he or she uses for the handling and dressing of game meat have been approved by the medical officer of health.

*Transportation of game meat*

7. No person shall use, or permit or authorise the use of, any vehicle for the purpose of conveying or transporting game meat unless such vehicle—

- (a) is constructed in a manner approved by the medical officer of health; and
- (b) is kept and maintained in a clean and sanitary condition; and
- (c) bears the full names and address of its owner, legibly painted or affixed in a conspicuous position.

*Approval of facilities, premises or vehicles*

8. The medical officer of health shall not give his or her approval in terms of sections 6 and 7 unless he or she is satisfied that the facilities, premises or vehicle, as the case may be, are such as to ensure that the meat or game meat will be kept in a clean and wholesome condition and protected from contamination.

*Inspection and marking of game meat*

9. (1) No person shall supply, distribute or sell in the council area game meat which has been brought into the council area unless it has been inspected and marked in terms of this section by an authorised person.

(2) Any person who brings any game meat into the council area for the purpose of supply, distribution or sale to the public shall —

- (a) notify an authorised person; and
  - (b) produce that game meat to an authorised person for inspection at the place and time specified by that authorised person.
- (3) If any inspection by an authorised person of game meat produced to him or her in terms of this section reveals that such game meat—
- (a) appears to be sound, wholesome and free from disease, the authorised person shall mark such meat with an indelible stamp, indicating that such meat has been inspected; or
  - (b) appears to be unsound, unwholesome and diseased, the authorised person shall issue a certificate stating that such game meat has been condemned and arrange for the consumption.

*Offences and penalties*

10. Any person who—

- (a) in butcher's shop, food premises or vehicle keeps or supply any butcher's meat or the carcass from which such meat was obtained which has not been inspected and passed by a state grader; or
- (b) in butcher's shop, food premises or vehicle keeps or supply any butcher's meat or the carcass from which such meat was obtained which has not been graded and marked; or
- (c) keeps, sells or supplies any fresh butcher's meat of which the livestock from which such meat was obtained and was not slaughtered at an abattoir, or
- (d) keeps, handles, sells or exposes for sale butcher's meat from any other premises other than butcher's shop or food premises; or
- (e) slaughter's any livestock in the council area, other than at an abattoir; or
- (f) sells game meat in the council area without being registered by council; or

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- (g) uses, permits or authorises the use of a vehicle which is not constructed in a manner approved by the medical officer of health or which is not kept and maintained in a clean and sanitary condition or which does not bear legible full names and address of the owner; or
- (h) keeps, sells or handles butcher's meat in an unapproved facility, premises or vehicle; and

contravenes any section of these by-laws, shall be guilty of an offence and a fine not exceeding level five or six months imprisonment or to both such fine and imprisonment.

*Repeals*

The Harare (Meat) by-laws, 1976, published in Rhodesia Government Notice 1119 of 1976, are hereby repealed.